10/590788 IAP12 Rec'd PCT/PT025, AUG 2006

25003P15827WOUS

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Complete if Known

Application Number

Not Yet Assigned

Filing Date

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

First Named Inventor

Art Unit

Not Yet Assigned

Not Yet Assigned

First Named Inventor

Art Unit

Not Yet Assigned

Examiner Name

Not Yet Assigned

Not Yet Assigned

Attorney Docket Number

Sheet

of

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Document Number  Number - Kind Code² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevan Passages or Relevant		
	ļ	·			Figures Appear		
	1 1	US- 2005/0166578 A1	08-04-2005	Pohmerer et al.			
	2	US- 2002/0116919 A1	08-29-2002	Rosel et al.			
	3	US- 2002/0069864 A1	06-13-2002	Takahashi et al.			
	4	US- 5,842,339	12-01-1998	Bush et al.			
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-	<del></del>				
		US-	_				
		US-					
		US-					
		US-	·				
		US-					
•		US-					
		US-		•			
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τ⁵		
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )						
	5	DE 102 20 337 A1	11-27-2003	Siemens AG		V		
		<u> </u>						

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.